Reallocation of Naphtha to Gujarat

881. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposal of the Gujarat Government for reallocation of Naphtha is under active consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the approximate time by which decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) A proposal from the Government of Gujarat for re-allocation of Naphtha to 3 power projects having a total capacity of 289.5 MW has been received by Government of India (Ministry of Power). The matter is under consideration along with similar requests received for projects in some of the other States.

Power Project at Visakhapatnam

882. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions of the power project at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) the extent of the involvement of Hindujas in the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The 1040 MW Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project in Andhra Pradesh being promoted by M/s Hinduja National Power Corporation Limited (HNPCL) has been accorded techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on July 25, 1996 at an estimated completed cost of US $ 943.75 million + Rs. 1324.993 crores. This is an MoU route project which will be based on domestic coal as fuel and terms of purchase of power will be governed by Government of India's Tariff Notification dated 30.3.1992 and Power Purchase Agreement between promoters and Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board. Project has received counter guarantee of Government of India on 19.8.1998.